

La Cave of Los Gatos

April 27, 2021

**Town of Los Gatos
Community Development Department
110 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030**

Re: Development Review Application-*The purpose of this Letter of Justification is for La Cave of Los Gatos, a French Bistro. We, La Cave of Los Gatos, LLC, are looking to join as tenants in Old Town Los Gatos located at 34 N Santa Cruz Ave and join the great community of Los Gatos.*

We understand that the Town Council has adopted two resolutions, and a series of amendments to the Town Code and Town Policies to provide businesses with greater opportunities and success in Los Gatos. We are requesting consideration and approval for a Conditional Use Permit and building permit to build out a kitchen for La Cave of Los Gatos, French Bistro at 34 N Santa Cruz Ave.

Chef Philippe, Executive Chef & Owner, graduated in 84' from a 4 year qualification degree in classical French culinary school of Paris, France, Le Cordon Bleue. He has worked ever since in various parts of the restaurant business all over the world: management, chef, host, bartender, owner, and co-owner. His customers always say, "it felt like we went to Paris tonight!" and this is what he is looking to bring to Los Gatos.

He moved to Los Gatos five years ago after being in Palo Alto for over 30 years. He has 3 children. His youngest son is still in High School (LGHS virtual!), middle son in UC Santa Barbara and his oldest is graduating with a JD from UC Davis this year. Chef Philippe quickly fell in love with the city of Los Gatos. One thing he realized is that there are no French restaurants nearby, except for Maresa, which is a high-end star's Michelin restaurant. This is not quite what he had in mind. His passion and what he loves to do is to bring the French experience to people without necessarily the high cost, Brasserie type or bistro. He also has an incredibly greater customer base, from his past projects and many new friends he has made, particularly here in Los Gatos playing tennis at the Bay Club.

The initial plan is to have a French chef to help him in the kitchen, and to start 1 to 2 French staff members in the dining room to really bring the flair of France to Los Gatos, French classical dish, re-visited to bringing a new fresh look to the French cuisine.

Thank you for your consideration of our proposed change of use. We will provide an excellent service to the community without impairing the integrity or character of the Zone. We will ensure that La Cave of Los Gatos will operate within this space in a healthy and professional manner, thus the change of use will not be detrimental to public health, safety, or general welfare, and are in harmony with various elements and the general plan.

We appreciate your time.

Sincerely,
La Cave of Los Gatos, LLC

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